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Extract from Memo for the DCI from DD/I (ER 10-6656)

SUBJECT: Comments on Inspector General's Survey of the Office of the Deputy Director (Intelligence)

8. Recommendation that the purpose of the strategic intelligence aspects of the DD/I overseas program be modified to provide on-the-spot analyses of current situations by the employment of qualified Strategic Intelligence Officers in the manner described in the report and that the DD/I together with the DD/P produce for the approval of the DCI a plan to accomplish this purpose and that such plan become the basis of agreement for the overseas strategic intelligence program.

Concur in part. The activities of the Strategic Intelligence Officers are determined principally by the Chiefs of Station according to their varying needs and requirements. The SIO's are already performing analytical service, the extent of which is determined by the Chiefs of Station in light of these needs and requirements. To modify the SIO "program" at the DCI level as recommended by the Inspector General would, to my mind, tend to reduce the flexibility which the SIO's now have to serve the Chiefs of Station usefully. Furthermore, I think that the recommendation is putting the cart in front of the horse and should more properly be directed at a recommendation to modify the mission of the Chiefs of Station upon the determination that, as the Inspector General points out, (a) there are substantial inadequacies in State Department reporting and, (b) there is a need to provide substantive support to keep the Agency's senior officers fully informed on current situations. It would be my view that the Director might solicit the views of the Chiefs of Station where these conditions are thought to exist. If the Chiefs of Station concur, then an SIO might be assigned to fulfill the need. This would require no modification in the SIO "program" but rather a redirecting of the Station efforts to fulfill existing Headquarters requirements.